

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2474
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2001
DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES IN KUMBH MELA
RAJO SINGH;SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the strength of para-military forces deployed to strengthen law and order situation at Kumbh festival in Allahabad and the names of the States from which assistance has been sought in this regard;
- (b) the nature and extent of the co-ordination displayed by Indian Army, R.P.F., B.S.F. and other such agencies with the U.P. State Police;
- (c) the steps being contemplated by the Government for bringing better co-ordination among various such agencies at such national festivals;
- (d) whether the Government have received any reports regarding anti-national activities in the Kumbh Mela; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

- (a): The Central Paramilitary Forces and the State Armed Police Forces of various States, were provided to the extent possible to Government of Uttar Pradesh to assist the State Government to make arrangements for Kumbh Mela. The States of Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat provided their State Armed Police for the purpose.
- (b) & (c): Besides manpower, the Government of Uttar Pradesh was provided assistance by deploying Spotters, Anti-Sabotage Check-Teams, Dog Squads and Bomb Disposal Squads. The Coordination with different organisations/agencies is the responsibility of the State Government. However, in order to tie up necessary arrangements for providing assistance to the State Government, coordination is also done in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise.